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Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" May I know why in the same canal bund particular portions are granted to certain local boards and particular portions are refused as is shown by item No. 17 in the appendix? In that case, the District Board was refused permission. May I know the reason why permission was refused?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" I think they take into consideration the interests of the irrigation work."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" May I know whether the Government will advise their Executive Engineers not to refuse permission as far as possible to these local bodies to use the canal bunds for road-making purposes as the local bodies are not in a position to acquire lands elsewhere and form roads for villages?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" It is not possible to issue a general order like that. But if any local body brings any particuar case to the notice of the Government, the question will be considered."

Appointment of Commissioners and Special Executive Officers to Municipalities.

* 351 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and names of the municipalities to which Commissioners and Special Executive Officers have been appointed;

(*b*) the names, the experience and the qualifications of these Commissioners and Executive Officers;

(*c*) to what community each of them belongs and what their scales of pay are; and

(*d*) how many more Commissioners and Special Executive Officers are yet proposed to be appointed and to which of the municipalities?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) A statement [a] is appended.

(*d*) A Commissioner to the Bellary Municipality, which has been notified under clause (1) of section 12-C of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, as amended by Act XV of 1933, will shortly be appointed.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" In view of the fact that out of 17 appointments only one has gone to a Muslim, may I ask whether in the case of future appointments (except of course the one now pending with regard to Bellary) the claims to Muslims to adequate representation in this service will be taken into account?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" These appointments are restricted to Government servants and employees of local boards and municipal councils. Up to now I have not received any application from suitable Muslim candidates for these appointments. If any application is received it will be considered when future vacancies arise."

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Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know with regard to items 14 and 17, Messrs. Sangam Babu Garu and Ratnam Garu, what the scales of pay of their permanent posts in the Secretariat are? The answer puts down the scale of pay as Rs. 70 to Rs. 175 and then from Rs. 200 to Rs. 400."

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I think that it is the scale of pay of their permanent posts in the Secretariat."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"Are they holding permanent posts in the scale of Rs. 70 to Rs. 400?"

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I ask the hon. Minister whether when he appointed Tahsildars and Deputy Collectors as Revenue Officers, he invited applications from these people?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I have already said that these appointments were made from Government servants and from the employees of local bodies and municipal councils."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know whether the Government did not consider the claims of Mussalmans to adequate representation when they made their appointments from the cadre of Tahsildars and Deputy Collectors?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"One Mussalman Deputy Collector has already been appointed."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Out of 17 appointments four have gone to Indian Christians and one to an Anglo-Indian. Will the hon. Minister consider the desirability of giving a better and adequate representation to Mussalmans in future appointments?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"There were only ten Government servants who were appointed as Commissioners. The Board of Revenue made the selection. They were asked to consider the claims of Mussalmans for selection and one Mussalman was actually appointed."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask what the pay drawn by Messrs. Thangayya, Sambandam Pillai and Kandaswami Pillai (Nos. 11 to 13) in the regular line was?"

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"Has a Commissioner been actually appointed for the Bellary Municipality?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"Yes, Sir, the Government have passed orders."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I ask whether the appointment of one Muslim Revenue Officer out of 12 appointments is considered to be giving adequate effect to the Government Order regarding communal representation?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"These are not new appointments. These Government Officers have only been lent to the local bodies."

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Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—" May I know whether there is any proposal to constitute these Commissioners into a separate cadre under the Government? "

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" Yes, Sir; ultimately the Government propose to constitute a separate cadre."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—" There are certain municipalities which are not included in the schedule to the amending Bill. May I know what are the reasons which prompted the Government to appoint Revenue Officers to some municipalities only? "

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" Reasons were given whenever an appointment of Commissioner was made to any municipality."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" May I know why the Government have not appointed any Commissioner for the Guntur Municipality? "

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" There are 86 municipalities and we have made appointments of Commissioners only to 17 of them. I cannot give reasons why Commissioners have not been appointed to others."

Decision of the Madras High Court regarding the removal of veil by gosha ladies at the time of exercising their franchise.

* 352 *Q.*—Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has read the judgment of the hon. the Officiating Chief Justice in the Tinnevelly election case in which the point whether a candidate had a right to insist upon the removal of the veil by the gosha ladies was commented upon;

(*b*) whether the Government have ascertained the views of the leading Muslims in Madras and elsewhere as to how far the law as laid down in that case is in accordance with Muhammadan sentiment; and

(*c*) what steps the Government propose to take in order to afford facilities to gosha ladies to exercise their franchise without having the necessity of removing their veils?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) There is a proposal before the Government to amend suitably the rules for the election of members of municipal councils and local boards.

Economic Condition

Enquiry, if any, into the economic condition of the ryots.

* 353 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have made any enquiry regarding the present economic condition of the ryots in this province; and